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VIA ECF

Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Court Judge  
Thurgood Marshall  
United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Black v. Ganieva et. al, 21 Civ. 8824

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

We represent defendant Guzel Ganieva. At the initial conference on March 10, 2022, the Court asked several questions about the status of Ms. Ganieva's state court action against Mr. Black, *Ganieva v. Black*, Index. No. 155262/2021 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cnty.), and the parties noted there were several motions in that action that were fully briefed and awaiting decision. ECF No. 98 at 11-18. As a follow up to that discussion, on May 6, 2022, Justice David Cohen issued the attached Decision and Order: 1) denying Mr. Black's motion to strike allegations from Ms. Ganieva's amended complaint; 2) granting Ms. Ganieva's motion to file a second amended complaint; and 3) granting Mr. Black's motion for a confidentiality order.

I also understand that the parties in the state court action are scheduled to appear for a status conference on May 25, 2022, at which we expect the Court will set a revised discovery schedule.

We are available to answer any questions that the Court may have about the above.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Mintzer

Attachment

cc: All Counsel of Record (via ECF)

The Court thanks counsel for this update. Within one week of the May 25, 2022 status conference, the parties are to submit a joint letter to the Court describing the topics discussed and any rulings made or deadlines set by Justice Cohen at that conference. SO ORDERED.

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER  
United States District Judge  
5/16/22